

# **REGULAR MEETING TOWN OF ELIZABETHTOWN JULY 18, 2023**

The Regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Elizabethtown, County of Essex in the State of New York was held at the Town Hall, 7563 Court Street, Elizabethtown, NY 12932 and the public could attend in person or via GoToMeeting.

**PRESENT:** Noel Merrihew-Supervisor  
Jeffrey Allott-Councilperson  
William Wright-Councilperson

**ABSENT WITH EXCUSE:** Ben Morris-Councilperson  
Cathleen Reusser-Councilperson

**GUESTS:** Bucky Hathaway, Mary McGowan, Charlie Moisan and Evelyn Hatch.

This meeting was called to order at 7:44 PM

## **BUSINESS:**

### **1. RESOLUTION NO. 85-23**

Motion to accept the minutes from June 20, 2023 offered by Councilperson Wright and seconded by Councilperson Allott. All in favor. Motion passed.

AYES-3 Supervisor Merrihew  
Councilperson Wright  
Councilperson Allott

### **2. RESOLUTION-LOCAL LAW-A Public Hearing was held at 6:30 pm prior to this meeting in regards to a Local Law for the sliding scale senior exemption.**

#### **RESOLUITON NO. 86-23**

Motion to adopt the Local Law for a sliding scale senior exemption up to \$33999.99 offered by Councilperson Wright and seconded by Councilperson Allott.

Roll call vote:

Councilperson Wright-yes

Councilperson Allott-yes

Supervisor Merrihew-yes

With 3 yes votes and 0 no votes this Resolution failed as a Local Law requires a 60% Board member vote.

3. RESOLUTION-MEMORIAL PARK-Modifying the Grant proposal for Memorial Park. Some of the costs have been shaved for the Park improvements. This resolution allows the town to resubmit with a diminished amount of money and the town has documented what they will do. The verbiage is: NYS Office of Parks, Recreations and Historic Preservation made grant funds available. The Town of Elizabethtown is proposing to undertake the implementation. If awarded, the Town of Elizabethtown is hereby authorized to execute all necessary documentation that is related to the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation documents and contracts.

**RESOLUTION NO. 87-23**

Motion to authorize the Supervisor to administer the above said documents if awarded, offered by Councilperson Wright and seconded by Councilperson Allott.

Roll call vote:

Councilperson Wright-yes

Councilperson Allott-yes

Supervisor Merrihew-yes

With 3 yes votes and 0 no votes this Resolution passed.

4. SEWER-There is the necessity for the town to establish a Request for Quotations for the sewer project. The final grant application has been submitted to EFC and the WEA. Once we get into the bonding and council we have to demonstrate to EFC that we have competitively bid the services to go to the next step on this project. It is required to put out a Public Notice to invite proposals

from other engineering firms. The Supervisor explained the criteria that has to be followed.

**RESOLUTION NO. 88-23**

Motion for architectural engineering procurement for NYS Environmental Facilities Corp. funded projects offered by Councilperson Allott and seconded by Councilperson Wright

Roll call vote:

Councilperson Allott-yes

Councilperson Wright-yes

Supervisor Merrihew-yes

With 3 yes votes and 0 no votes this Resolution passed.

Discussion on what the scope of the RFP will be and what is included.

5. WATER-Received the final Architectural Survey from the Footbridge Lane property. They have been forwarded to the County and they will do a resolution next month to subdivide the Public Health property. Once that is done, the project can move forward. Well drillers probably won't be there until October or November with construction beginning in the spring.
6. COBBLE HILL GOLF COURSE-It's running and there has been a lot of rain. Appears to be in good shape and still working out details of running it.
7. ETOWN DAY-Went well and everyone seemed to enjoy the fireworks. The Fire Company did a great job.
8. HOSPITAL-They have received a 6 million dollar grant for construction of the new PT building. They now need to meet with Planning.
9. DOG PARK-The Supervisor went to the site with Mr. Pulsifer and met with Shannon Bronson and Shonie Heald. L

10. after this week will get direction for the Park's placement. Patty Walsh will also meet as she has had a lot of experience with Dog Parks.
- 10.SIDEWALKS-The town is trying to partner with other municipalities to get a County contract for sidewalks. This will help save money.
- 11.NOBLE TERRACE-The Amish Shed has been delivered and the area will be cleaned up. Going to try to get the irrigation going.
12. MPH SIGNAGE-Going to get four MPH flashing signs. Two for Water Street, One for the Keene Road and one for Lincoln Pond Road.
13. VERIZON-The Supervisor discussed the external antenna on the Cupola. He asked them to write another contract extending the present one for another 20 years with the guarantee of the escalator that we have now.

**RESOLUTION NO. 89-23**

Resolution to authorize the Supervisor to enter into a contract with Verizon for the extended lease pursuant to the language on the attached lease offered by Councilperson Allott and seconded by Councilperson Wright. Roll call vote held.

- Supervisor Merrihew-yes
- Councilperson Allott-yes
- Councilperson Wright-yes

With 3 yes votes and 0 no votes this Resolution passed.

**COMMITTEES:**

14. YOUTH COMMISSION-Doing well and received a good Health Department Report.

**FINANCIALS:**

**TRANSFERS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 90-23**

Motion to approve the Transfers offered by Councilperson Wright and seconded by Councilperson Allott. All in favor. Motion passed.

AYES-3 Supervisor Merrihew                      NAYS-0

Councilperson Wright  
Councilperson Allott

**SUPERVISORS REPORT**

**RESOLUTION NO. 91-23**

Motion to approve the Supervisors Report offered by Councilperson Allott and seconded by Councilperson Wright. All in favor. Motion passed.

Ayes-3 Supervisor Merrihew            NAYS-0  
          Councilperson Allott  
          Councilperson Wright

**PAY ALL BILLS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 92-23**

Motion to pay all bills offered by Councilperson Wright and seconded by Councilperson Allott. All in favor. Motion passed.

AYES-3 Supervisor Merrihew            NAYS-0  
          Councilperson Wright  
          Councilperson Allott

Motion that the following bills be paid for the abstract period 1/1/2000 thru 6/20/2023.

General Fund	\$ 2,855.49
Highway Fund DA	\$ 6,952.24
Sidewalk District SM	\$ 5,599.00
Water District SW1	\$ 70.00
Water District SW3	\$ 45.00
NBRC Recreation Grant	\$ 2,625.00
Trust & Agency TA	\$ 2,763.52

**COMMITTEES CONTINUED**

PAVILION-Councilperson Allott said they were hoping to open the pavilion for Etown Day but the siding was not complete.

COBBLE HILL GOLF COURSE-Councilperson Wright said that on Etown Day we will need to plan the Golf Tournament for a different time. Discussion on the times, how well it was cleaned up etc.

GARBAGE-The trucks brakes broke today. Councilperson Wright felt it was time to get a new garbage truck and felt that the town should go with a 550.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT-No discussion.

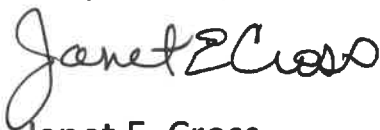
WATER DISTRICT-No discussion.

BUILDINGS & CODES-No discussion.

PLANNING BOARD/ZONING BOARD-Charlie Moisan asked if the board could get a copy of the new changes to the Park. The Supervisor will give him one. Mr. Moisan also asked questions about the Sewer System. He was told that so far there is a Map plan & report that is completed. Woodruff St would be the collection point . The Planning Board will receive all of the information once the process gets to a certain point. There is nothing formal yet. There is a 284-page preliminary report. It outlines 3 scenarios. Discussion on what the next steps are. Mary McGowan asked if the location is set in stone and was told that at this point yes. It would be a collection point not a treatment plant. Discussion on reed beds and having these on town property and the costs always rising.

This meeting was adjourned at 8:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Janet E. Cross,  
Town Clerk